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**Subject:** Letter from the Ambassador of Angola to the United States, Joaquim do Espírito Santo, to Chairwoman Bass

Hi Darryn,

Wanted to make sure you saw the below communication from the Ambassador of Angola to the United States which was sent to your team on Monday. Tomorrow's HFAC Black History Month Roundtable is very timely as the Ambassador recently visited Atlanta over Martin Luther King Jr. Day to strengthen cultural and economic ties. You'll see the official Atlanta City Council proclamation designating January 17 – MLK Day – as Angola Day in the City of Atlanta due to Angola's unique civil rights relationship with Atlanta. If appropriate, we thought the Chair Bass may be interested in entering it into the hearing record.

Please be advised that both myself and Squire Patton Boggs are registered for the Angolan Government under FARA.

Warmest regards,

Tommy Andrews



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# In Recognition of the Republic of Angola

**WHEREAS,** *The Atlanta City Council is pleased to welcome His Excellency Joaquim do Espírito Santo, Ambassador of Angola to the United States, to Atlanta on January 17, 2022; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Angola is uniquely tied to the history of Atlanta and the American South, as Angolans arrived in this country 400 years ago as the first African slaves brought to the colonies that would become the United States of America; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Today, the story of America and Angola is one that has come nearly full circle, from tragedy and injustice to opportunity and hope. The City of Atlanta shares in the growing bonds between the United States and Angola; and*

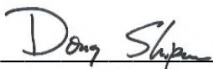
**WHEREAS,** *Many Americans can trace their ancestry to Angola. Angolans increasingly attend U.S. universities, including here in Atlanta, and Bruno Fernando become the first Angolan ever to play in the National Basketball Association, where he helped the Atlanta Hawks advance to the Eastern Conference finals during the 2020-2021 season; and*

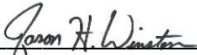
**WHEREAS,** *Angola's special connection to the United States provides an opportunity for Atlantans and Angolans to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the ongoing fight for racial equality and social justice; and*

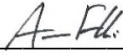
**WHEREAS,** *This emerging relationship between Angola and the city of Atlanta also presents an opportunity for deeper engagement between Atlanta's business, educational, and civic communities, and the Angolan people.*

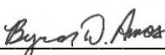
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE,** *the members of the Atlanta City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, do hereby proclaim the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 as "Angola Day" in the City of Atlanta. We congratulate the Ambassador on his historically significant visit and celebrate the emerging partnership being forged between the city of Atlanta and Angola.*


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CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY  
OF ATLANTA TO BE AFFIXED


  
Doug Shipman  
President, Atlanta City Council

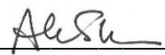
  
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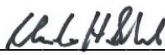
  
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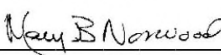
  
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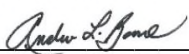
  
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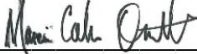
  
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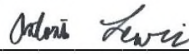
  
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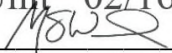
  
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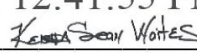
  
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Embaixada de Angola Nos Estados Unidos da América

February 14, 2022

The Honorable Greg Meeks  
Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
2170 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Karen Bass  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Africa  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
2170 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Meeks and Chairwoman Bass,

On behalf of the people of Angola, I write in advance of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Black History Month Roundtable on Leveraging the Global Black Diaspora to Strengthen US Foreign Investment and Assistance. This is an important and timely discussion.

As you may remember from His Excellency President Joao Lourenço's visit to Washington in September 2021, Angola has a unique history with the US. Four hundred years ago, the first African slaves in the United States arrived on the East Coast; they came from Angola. President Lourenço marked this solemn anniversary with a visit to the Smithsonian's Museum of African American History and Culture.

Last month, I visited Atlanta, Georgia to commemorate Angola's shared civil rights history with Atlanta and to promote trade and investment. I was honored to attend the Ebenezer Baptist Church's Martin Luther King Jr. Day ceremony as a special guest of Dr. Bernice A. King, daughter of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. I also met with economic development

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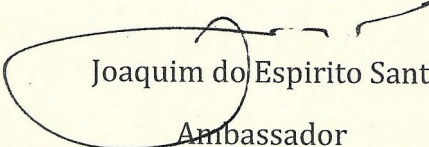
bodies within the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia to discuss increasing trade and investment.

On behalf of President Lourenço, I accepted an official proclamation from the Atlanta City Council designating January 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – as “Angola Day” in the City of Atlanta. The proclamation also spoke of the important and growing relationship between Angola and Atlanta, one that “has come nearly full circle, from tragedy and injustice to opportunity and hope.”

I proudly support the Committee’s goal of strengthening cultural and economic cooperation between African nations and the Black Diaspora here in the US. I hope that the growing relationship between Angola and Atlanta can serve as a roadmap towards deepening US-Africa cultural and economic relations.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joaquim do Espirito Santo  
Ambassador

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